



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cotton squaring was at 97 percent complete, setting bolls was at 85 percent complete, and bolls opening was 23 percent complete, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to fair, depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on over three quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Arizona growers shipped potatoes. Continued rainfall has been maintaining as well as improving conditions, and although there were some pockets where rainfall has been a bit short, forage has kept growing in the Northwestern part of the State. Significant rainfall and scattered thunderstorms affected the Southeastern part of the State. Pasture conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Nineteen of the 51 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from 10 degrees below normal to 5 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 40 degrees at Springerville to a high of 114 degrees at Buckeye. All but 1 of the 51 weather stations received some precipitation. The least amount of precipitation was reported at Paloma and Sahuarita at 0.01 inches, and the most precipitation was reported at Grand Canyon at 1.78 inches. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Maricopa was the driest.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Squaring.....	97	95	99	100
Setting Bolls.....	85	76	86	84
Bolls Opening.....	23	15	21	22

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.8	6.8	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	2	NA
Short	7	--	28	NA
Adequate	90	94	64	NA
Surplus	3	6	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	14	NA
Short	7	1	13	NA
Adequate	93	99	70	NA
Surplus	--	--	3	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	5	7	5	3
Poor	10	12	1	3
Fair	27	27	10	18
Good	33	24	52	46
Excellent.....	25	30	32	30
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	--	3	1
Poor	6	4	1	1
Fair	14	12	6	13
Good	57	64	50	49
Excellent.....	21	20	40	36
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	17	12	15	25
Poor	12	17	18	19
Fair	26	34	38	29
Good	36	30	25	24
Excellent.....	9	7	4	3

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Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_08062017.pdf